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SUBJ: NEW SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INTERVIEWING FORMS
SSA-3368 AND SSA-3820

REF: SSA PROGRAM CIRCULAR NO. 120, 12/19/77; YOUR MEMORANDUM NO. 78-9, 8/16/78

- 1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFRENCED MEMO THAT ALL CLAIMANTS FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS MUST RPT MUST BE PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED FOR COMPLETION OF FORMS SSA-3368 OR SSA-3820. THEREFORE, IN SITUATIONS WHERE CLAIMANTS ARE UNABLE TO COME TO THE POST, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A FIELD TRIP IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW THEM AT THEIR HOME OR AT THE PLACE WHERE THEY ARE HOSPITALIZED.
- 2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING THE EMBASSY WHETHER TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH THESE CASES WILL BE PAID BY THE SSA AND IF SO WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NECESSARY TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM FRANKFURT.

3. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLETION OF SSA-3368 IN PARTICULAR SECTION 18A, B, C OF SSA-3368 LEVIES ON THE AMERICAN OFFICERS AND FSL'S RESPONSIBLE FOR SSA AFFAIRS AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN

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